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In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicants : Ragnar ÖSTERLUND et al.

Appln. No. : 09/811,828

Conf. No. : 8440

Filed : March 20, 2001

For : A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A  
METAL-OXIDE VARISTOR WITH  
IMPROVED ENERGY ABSORPTION  
CAPABILITY

Atty. Dkt. : 43315-201392

**PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF  
TIME**

**March 10, 2004**

**MAIL STOP APPLICATION NUMBER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period for filing a response to the September 10, 2003 Office Action be extended for three months. The applicable extension fee of \$950.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) is submitted herewith.

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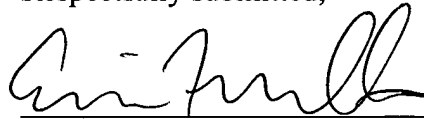
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0261 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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